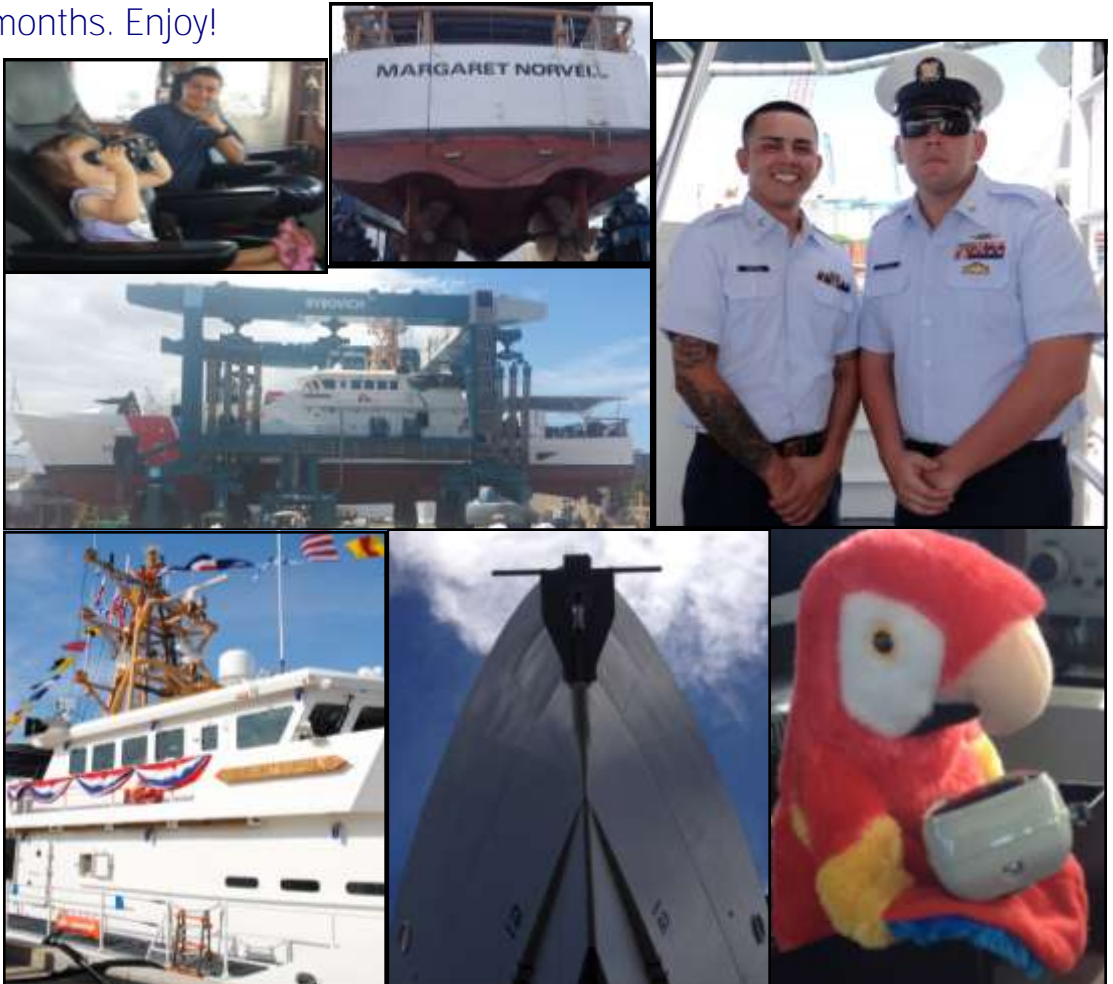


THE RITA REPORT

EDITION 1: JULY & AUGUST

Welcome Aboard! We are proud to present our new newsletter from the Coast Guard Cutter MARGARET NORVELL. This summer has been very busy for the MARGARET NORVELL: over the past two months the cutter has undergone a Change of Command, a dry dock, been underway, and has had time in home port, Miami Beach. Onboard, we, the crew, consider ourselves family, and we would like to take this time to share with you some of the events that have happened during the last two months. Enjoy!



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BRAVO ZULO TO ...

WHAT THESE SAIL-
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LIKE

Photos taken by FS1 Strenkert and Crew members

THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Greetings! I hope you enjoy **MARGARET NORVELL's new monthly newsletter**. In it we will share pictures, stories and accomplishments of **MARGARET NORVELL's crew in an effort to better communicate the ongoing saga of your loved ones' adventure at sea** in and around South Florida. It will also provide an opportunity to speak directly to those at home that sacrifice so much to support us in this mission and in our duty to our great nation.

On July 9th I relieved LT Thomas Osborn as Commanding Officer of US Coast Guard Cutter MARGARET NORVELL. I am very fortunate to have taken command of a ship in such fine condition, with such strong traditions, and manned by such an extraordinary crew. I strongly believe in our missions **and know that MARGARET NORVELL's** role amplifies the multi-agency effort to protect our southern maritime border. I am eager and excited to relieve the watch and I am deeply honored to **serve as MARGARET NORVELL's** commanding officer. I look forward to sharing the toils of the sea with your sons, daughters, husbands, fathers, sisters and brothers.

These last two months have been busy on board MARGARET NORVELL with the completion of a fifty-five percent crew change over. Luckily, our more experienced shipmates helped us learn the ropes. In July, we had the pomp and circumstance of **change of command where the crew's** preparation made the cutter gleam, not to mention some excellent food prepared by our food service technicians, FS1 Sternkert and FS3 Stewart. Soon after, the ship had an emergency dry-dock at Rybovich Yacht Yard in West Palm Beach where we replaced some hull plating due to warranty issues. During August, MARGARET NORVELL was back in action working for Sector Miami patrolling the Florida Straits. During the patrol we had many operational successes and conducted much needed training.

The next few months will take us into the height of hurricane season,

and I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone, especially those in South Florida, to be prepared for a hurricane. Having a plan and knowing what you and your family are going to do in the event of a hurricane will greatly enhance your safety and security. I cannot overstate the importance of this and urge everyone to put together a family action plan and have a hurricane evacuation kit ready to go in case a mandatory evacuation is ordered. You can access the most up-to-date hurricane information on the Sector Miami website at <http://www.uscg.mil/BaseMiamiBeach/Hurricane.asp>.

At this time, I would also like to congratulate the following crewmembers on their professional and personal achievements:

- Seaman Stafford on selection as **MARGARET NORVELL's sailor of the quarter**.
- BM2 Lindenthal on her wedding.
- MK2 Cardosi reenlisted.
- **GM2 Henninger's advancement to GM1**.
- BM1 Slater departed for pre-deployment training for his Patrol Forces Southwest Asia tour on USCGC BARANOF.

- MK1 White successfully completed two weeks as acting Engineering Petty Officer.

- BMC Mullen earned his Merchant **Marine Master's License**.

- ENS Webb selected for promotion to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Lastly, I want to welcome Yamil Cordero as our new Ombudsman. Mrs. Cordero is the wife of ENS Webb and understands many of the challenges facing Coast Guard families. As Ombudsman, Mrs. Cordero will provide a vital link between **MARGARET NORVELL's command and the unit's families. She will not only assist the command but will also refer individuals seeking guidance to the proper resources and forward ideas from families to the command cadre**. I know Mrs. Cordero will be a valuable resource to our crew and loved ones, and I look forward to her counsel over the next year. Welcome aboard!

Top Left: LT Kirk Fistick, his wife Carrie, and their daughter Tenley at the Change of Command ceremony.

Bottom Left: LT Fistick with the ship's namesake representative, Barbara Norvell Perronne.

Top Right: CGC MARGARET NORVELL at full dress ship for the Change of Command ceremony.

Bottom Right: From the left, LT Thomas Osborn, former Commanding Officer, in the middle Captain Austin Gould, Sector Commander, and on the right LT Fistick, current Commanding Officer.



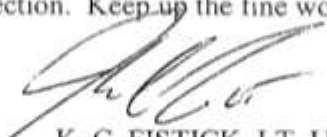


SN DELOESTE IS MARGARET NORVELL'S SAILOR OF THE QUARTER


19AUG14: SN Deloeste, you are commended for your outstanding performance during the second quarter of calendar year 2014. You were an example to your shipmates through your hard work, initiative and dedication during preparations for the unit's Ready for Operations Inspection. You spent countless hours assisting the Rescue and Survival Petty Officer preparing logs, fixing boat crew vests, prepping the small boat, and ensuring all work list items for Deck Department had been completed. Your efforts resulted in an unprecedented zero discrepancies. As a qualified Quarter Master of the Watch and Inport Junior Officer of the Day, you have spent copious days teaching break-ins how to stand a diligent watch. Your selflessness and desire to teach your shipmates has assisted 10 newly reported members with tracking towards their qualifications. With determination and perseverance, you achieved a Boat Crew Qualification in less than four months. By participating in over 15 small boat evolutions and 10 Migrant cases, you have solidified your role as a "go-to" crewmember. Every qualification you have acquired on-board, you have completed with extreme professionalism and confidence. Your positive attitude and can do spirit regardless of the work assigned exemplifies the finest traditions of the Coast Guards Core Values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty. Your tireless efforts and devotion are setting the standard for all future crews that sail on CGC MARGARET NORVELL. As MARGARET NORVELL's Sailor of the Quarter, you are authorized 2 days of special liberty, to be taken at the discretion of your Department Head and Executive Officer. Bravo Zulu for a job well done and keep up the good work!

Your dedication to duty is highly commendable, and your attention to detail is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

My congratulations are extended to you in your selection. Keep up the fine work!


K. C. FISTICK, LT, USCG
Commanding Officer

19AUG14: I acknowledge the above entry.


M. C. DELOESTE, SN, USCG

Other accomplishments include:

Quartermaster of the Watch	Engineer of the Watch	Inport Watchstander	Inport OOD
BM1 Garcia	EM1 Rodriguez	BM2 Lindenthal	BM1 Garcia
BM2 Lindenthal	EM2 Rexroat	ET2 Greco	EM1 Rodriguez
ET2 Greco	MK3 Andrade	FS3 Stewart	EM2 Rexroat
ENS Kelly		MK3 Andrade	Mk3 Yarletts
			ENS Kelly



Friends, Family, and Shipmates,

Thank you for reading the Rita Report. We hope it gave you a little insight as to what your loved one is accomplishing on a daily basis. We would like to take this time to thank all the crew members for their contributions to the newsletter and their hard work aboard. Now that you have enjoyed the first Rita Report, if you would like to provide feedback or comments please feel free to contact me at Jillian.E.Kelly@uscg.mil. Thank you all for your support, enjoy!

Very respectfully, ENS Jillian Kelly